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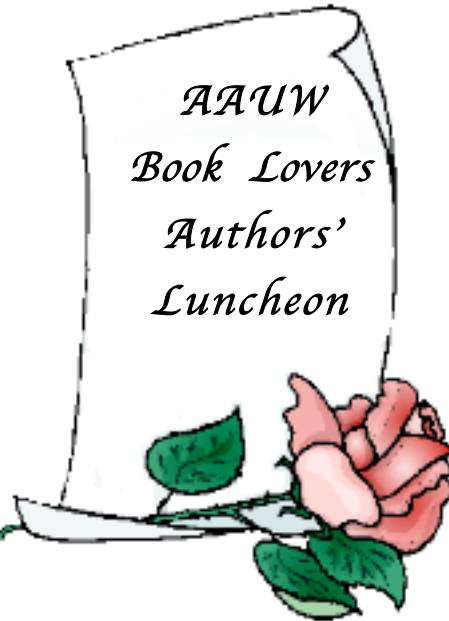
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Board Meeting
February 6—1:00 pm
at home of
Colleen Wilson
Non-board members
welcome to attend.
Contact Marianne Holt.

The Rose Branch



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AAUW
Book Lovers
Authors'
Luncheon

Saturday, February 9, 2008
11:30 am — 2:30 pm

FOUNTAINGROVE
ATHLETIC & GOLF CLUB
Fountaingrove Parkway
Santa Rosa, CA

Fee: \$35

Friends and guests are welcome

Featuring Sonoma County Authors:

- **Susan Farren: The Fireman's Wife**
- **Jean Hegland: The Life Within: Celebration of a Pregnancy; Into the Forest**
- **Alla Crone: Rodina; Maxim; East of the Sun; Winds over Manchuria**
- **Joan Frank: The Great Faraway; Miss Kansas City**

******(Reservation Form/ Tear Off Here)******

GOURMET LUNCHEON MENU (choose 1)

- **Pan-seared Tarragon Chicken with Tarragon Cream Sauce & Mashed Potatoes**
- **Atlantic Salmon with Citrus Beurre Blanc, Mango Salsa & Wild Rice**
- **Braised Pork Loin with Amber Apple Chutney & Mashed Potatoes**

All choices include:

- **Spinach Salad with Cranberries, Blue Cheese, Pine Nuts & Balsamic Vinaigrette**
- **Vanilla Grand Marnier Crème Brulee with Seasonal Fruit & Whipped Cream**

Name _____ **Phone** _____
Guests _____

Reservations due Wednesday, January 30

Send your \$35 check made out to AAUW Santa Rosa to:

Carole Keiner
(Address in branch telephone directory.)

Questions: call or email Carole *program.aauwsantarosa.org*

President's Message *"Platform for Change"*

Change is in the air and evident everywhere. If you happened to have followed the early primary election activities, you would know there is a wave of change sweeping the country. This is evident by the tremendous energy created by the primary presidential candidates, and the high turnout of citizens for this democratic process.

This change was also evident by the interesting and informative debates on the proposed State Proposition ballot measures in early January. If you didn't have an opportunity to attend the debates personally, please plan on viewing the rebroadcasts at various times on channel 69 prior to the election on February 5. A big thank you to our Public Policy Chair, JoAnn Wilson, for her dedicated work with the League of Women Voters and SRJC's Social Science Department in helping to make these important forums available to our members and all concerned citizens. Working together with these other organizations is important for AAUW's viability in the community that also helps to communicate who we are and what we do.

With the 2008 presidential primaries approaching on February 5th, we all have an opportunity to take an active part in the political process on February 5th by participating in this platform for change. Also 2008 will be an important year for Californians to get to the polls! Not only do we have a crucial presidential race ahead of us, but California legislators will be on the ballot in June. As individuals, we can be influential by encouraging friends and family to vote. AAUW has an easy and effective way to get the word out by using the "The Power of One Vote" e-card to remind others to vote and become a part of this platform of change. To access the election e-card, go to the Association's web-site: www.aauw.org,

then click on Advocacy, then Public Policy, and you will see the logo for "The Power of One Vote". Just click on it and you're on your way to get the word out to vote and help influence the power of change.

I would also like to encourage all members to support our two major events scheduled this February. Don't miss the fun and interesting Author's Luncheon on February 9th and the delicious Crab Feed on February 16th. This year the Crab Feed will help to support the SRJC Adult Reentry Mentorship Program.

Most Sincerely,
Marianne Holt, President



WANTED

Donations for the Crab Feed
Wine
Themed Baskets
or
Items for Gift Basket Raffle

Contact Marcy Clausen
(Contact info in branch telephone directory.)





AAUW CRAB FEED
Saturday, February 16 — 6:00 PM
Luther Burbank Art and Garden Center
2050 Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa 95405
Price : \$ 35 per person

Join us for a lively evening of fun and all the crab you can eat !!
Dinner includes Bodega Bay crab, salad, dessert, wine and beverages.

For those who want to come and don't eat crab, we will have vegetarian lasagna -
BY REQUEST (see reservation form below.)

Proceeds will benefit AAUW Santa Rosa Branch local projects such as the Santa Rosa Junior College mentoring program , the AAUW State Convention to be held in Rohnert Park (Doubletree Hotel) in April, and educational programs.

To make this a great event -- can you help by donating one bottle of wine or something special for the raffle ?
Call Lillian or Marcy Clausen (Tel numbers in branch telephone directory.)

Bring your friends and sign up NOW- only 100 seats - don't miss out !

For reservations, call Lillian Shelan or e-mail: laf@aauwsantarosa.org
Please follow up by using the form below to send your check to:
Lillian Shelan
(Home address in branch telephone directory.)

RESERVATION FORM — AAUW CRAB FEED — Saturday, February 16, 2008

NAME _____ **TEL:** _____

OF RESERVATIONS _____ **AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** _____

PLEASE SEAT ME WITH _____

VEGETARIAN LASAGNA ENTREE REQUESTED (INSTEAD OF CRAB) -
please indicate how many _____

Membership Matters

2008 is off to a fantastic start with a membership count of 111. Many new members have become very active with interest groups and committees. This is a wonderful way to meet other members and get the most out of your membership. If you haven't quite gotten as involved as you intended, try joining one of AAUW's many exciting interest groups, and attend our programs and fundraising events. It really makes a difference.

Now is the time to encourage friends and family who have considered joining AAUW to do so. On Saturday, February 9th, at the authors' luncheon our branch will be able to offer new members, through the **Shape the Future Membership Incentive**, a half price membership to AAUW, (this applies to the portion of Association dues only, full branch and state rates will still apply). With this saving incentive it is the perfect time for friends and colleagues to join for a half year and partake in the rest of this year's programs and events.

**See you at the luncheon,
Trina Corson Graham, Membership VP**

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Working Women's Interest Group

The Working Members Interest Group has some new members and of course, all current members are welcome. Our first get together was held at the beautiful Front Room at John Ash, on November 28th, the conversation was lively and it was nice to share conversation and taste some delicious appetizers. We are enthusiastic and are planning another date:

Thursday, February 7th
Meet at 6:00
Sassafras Restaurant
1229 North Dutton Avenue
Santa Rosa

The cocktails are discounted from 4:30-6:30 and they offer a happy hour menu. Please join us for a nice outing at this delightful restaurant. Checkout their web site for directions and menus: www.sassafrasrestaurant.com

RSVP Trina: membership@aauwsantarosa.org

GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW MEMBERS

Hale Darby received her bachelor of arts degree and her teaching credential from the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland (which is now the California College for the Arts in San Francisco). She taught at Novato High School for 37 years, teaching beginning drawing, design skills and every kind of craft. In addition, for the first half of her teaching career she taught English as well. Now that Hale is retired, she has begun painting and takes weekly lessons in watercolor painting. She walks regularly with a walking group and works at the Welfare League. She also helps an adult literacy student. Hale loves to read and has joined one of the AAUW book groups.

*Thumbnail Sketches provided by
Judy Hudson, Membership Assistant*

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AAUW's Every Member Poll

A reminder to be sure to take part in AAUW's Every Member Pool. Members have an opportunity to voice their opinion about AAUW's strategic planning process of organizational change in this poll. If you haven't sent yours in yet, you can still participate by completing the survey on AAUW's web site: www.AAUW.org

Don't let this opportunity pass you by to help influence AAUW's direction on our programs, activities, and outreach efforts.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

BRANCH CALENDAR - FEBRUARY 2008

(Please consult branch telephone directory for addresses & tel #s.)

- | Date | Time | |
|-------------|-----------------|---|
| 11 | 1:30 p.m. | Monday Afternoon Book Group meets at home of Nina Lowell to discuss <i>The Thirteenth Tale</i> by Diane Setterfield. Nina will lead the discussion. |
| 13 | 7:30-9:00 p.m. | Second Wednesday Book Group meets at home of Trina Corson Graham to discuss <i>Eat, Pray, Love: one Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia</i> by Elizabeth Gilbert. |
| 20 | 9:30-11:30 a.m. | Global Issues will discuss Great Decisions 2008 Topic 1: <u>Iraq strategies for dealing with uncertainty.</u> Call Gail Ellestad for meeting place. |
| 17 | 9:30 a.m. | Tuesday Morning Book Group meets at home of Sylvia Thorne to discuss <i>Presidential Courage</i> Michael Beschloss. Lois Paterson will moderate. |
| 21 | 12 noon | Gourmet Luncheon Group dines at Doce Lunas, 8910 Sonoma Highway in Kenwood. RSVP by phone to Harriet Palk or finance@aauwsantarosa.org . |

Deadline for MARCH 2008 issue of the Rose Branch is FEBRUARY 10.

Please send any changes to your 2007-2008 schedule to Editor Ann Horne via E-MAIL: aphorne@sonic.net - POST: 2424 Compadre Dr SR 95405 (**no telephone calls, please**)

The next **"On the Town"** event is planned for Saturday, February 2, 2008. All members & guests are welcome.

What: Argentina: Tango & Fire to be performed by the Santa Rosa Symphony Chamber Players, and tango dancers.
When: Saturday, February 2, 2008, 5:30 PM
Where: Jackson Theater, Sonoma County Day School
Cost: Cost of tickets are \$23.00 or \$31.00 - depending on seat location. Please purchase your own ticket at 546-8742 or through: www.santarosasympphony.com

Dinner after the event: At 7:30 PM at Willi's Wine Bar for Tappas.

RSVP: Please let Marianne Holt know if you will be attending so appropriate reservations at Willi's restaurant can be made: president@aauwsantarosa.org

General information: www.santarosasympphony.com
This performance is part of the Latin Waves' Festival of Rhythm, Melody and Dance.

SAVE THIS DATE

MARCH 18
3 - 5 PM

COMING EVENT for WOMEN'S
HISTORY MONTH
The Impact of Eleanor Roosevelt

SRJC DOYLE LIBRARY

Romancers of the Vine

A wine and food pairing dinner is scheduled for

*Friday, January 25th at 7 pm
at Kathy Frishberg's home,
(Please consult branch telephone
directory for address.)*

Spouses & friends are welcome to attend.

For reservations and more information contact:

*Colleen Wilson,
program@aauwsantarosa.org*

If you are not already on the contact list for this Special Interest Group and would like to be included for future events contact Colleen.

The Food & Wine Luncheon at the SRJC Culinary Cafe has been postponed until next year since we have two major functions this month.





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AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

AAUW advances equity for women and girls, through advocacy, education and research.

AAUW VISION STATEMENT

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader
in equity and education through research, philanthropy and measurable change in critical areas impacting
the lives of women and girls.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP: AN ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (A.A.) DEGREE OR ITS EQUIVALENT

Ballot Measures Debated

For those of you not able to attend the January 7th debates on Propositions 92 (Community College Funding) and 93 (changes to Term Limits), I'd like to provide some resources which will enable you to access this important information.

The debates will be rebroadcast on Channel 69 as follows:

Fri. January	18	6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Sat. January	19	10 a.m. to noon
Sun. January	20	6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

They will also be rebroadcast on Petaluma Community Access Channel 28 and Healdsburg Access TV Channel 26. Contact the Community Media Center of Santa Rosa at www.communitymedia.org for dates and times. Public Television KRCB-TV Channel 22 will rebroadcast the Prop. 92 debate on Sunday, Jan. 20 at 8am.

Another valuable source of information is the League of Women Voters of Sonoma County Newsletter, which summarizes the "Pros and Cons" of the propositions. The newsletter is available by contacting the League at (707) 546-5943 or checking the website at www.lwvsonoma.org.

The last of the debates, on January 14th, will address the Indian Gaming Compacts, Propositions 94, 95, 96 and 97. This forum will probably already have taken place by the time you receive this newsletter. I suggest checking the same resources referenced above for rebroadcast times.

Above all, **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE** on February 5th. This promises to be the beginning of a very exciting election season and we should all want to be involved.



BE AN INFORMED VOTER ON FEBRUARY 5!

***JoAnn Wilson
Branch Public Policy***